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APPROXIMATION TO OBTAIN A SPECIFIC POINT OF A NON-LINEAR  
MONOTONE FUNCTION**

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Carmen M. Camarena**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final office action mailed August 27, 2003 for the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits the following amendment in response. Please amend the title, specification and claims as follows.